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Miners' Journal.

Saturday Morning, Feb. 17.

THE PROTECTIVE POLICY OF THE COUNTRY!

The People Demand its Restoration

LUBRICATING COMPOUND OF OIL.—We refer our readers to an advertisement in another column offering a new oil for sale. The consumption of oil is very great in this County, and from the numerous testimonials in its favor, (a large number of which have been shown us, and some from our own citizens,) we feel confident that a very great saving will be effected by its use. We learn that since the first of January, it has been used on the State Works. Mr. C. F. Norton, at Milnes' & Hay. wood's *Store*, is the Agent for Schuylkill County.

OYSTERS AND FISH.—We are under obligations to Messrs. Day & Silver, for a plentiful supply of Fresh Fish and some of the finest and largest Oysters we have ever seen in this quarter. These gentlemen are in the regular receipt of Oysters and Fish, direct from Baltimore, at their Establishment in Centre Street, two or three doors South of Mortimer's Hotel,—where our citizens can always get a supply of the good things of the season, at reasonable rates.

MEETING OF COAL OPERATORS.—We are requested to call a meeting of Coal Operators, at the American Hotel, on Tuesday next, the 20th inst. at 10 o'clock, A. M. for the purpose of taking such measures as may be deemed necessary to prevent the issue of Scrip, for circulation, by the Lehigh Coal Company. It is important that there should be a general attendance.

MESSRS. THOMAS FOSTER & Co. have removed their Shoe and Trunk Store, from Market to the new and beautiful building, corner of Centre and East Market sts., where they have an elegant assortment of Boots, Shoes, &c. cheap *for cash*.

FOR A CHARMING STORY, see First Page. We are indebted to the *American Union*, for this capital Tale.

A NUMBER OF NEW ADVERTISEMENTS are unavoidably crowded out, with an editorial.

CAPT. NAGLE'S SWORD.

We have already informed our readers that the Whigs of Pottsville intend presenting a sword to Capt. Nagle, for gallant services performed in Mexico. The presentation will take place on the 22d of this month, in front of Lessig's Exchange Hotel, at 11 o'clock in the morning. James H. Campbell, Esq., on the part of the Whigs, will present the sword to the Captain, who will receive it. *It is desired that the military of the Borough shall be present on the occasion*, and an invitation is here extended to them to join in the ceremonies of the presentation. The presentation will doubtless be an attractive affair, and we hope there will be a full attendance.

HOMESTEADS.

A bill was introduced into the Senate of this State, on the 9th inst., by Mr. Johnson, of Erie, and passed, exempting property worth $300 from seizure. This bill is exactly of the same character as the one to which we alluded in our last number, and we have no hesitation, now, since the bill has been modified, to say that it should become a law.

Under so benign a law every person of industry could become possessed of a nice little home which under a knowledge that it would not be sold in case of ill success, would be improved, adorned with all the embellishments in the power its owner, and be made the comfortable habitation of the workingman! What a change this would bring about! How greatly would the condition of all classes be ameliorated, under a law which would make all industrious men landholders. It is a fact that cannot be disputed, that the passage of such a law would have a tendency to improve society, and instil into every one a spirit of industry—make every one feel and take an abiding interest in the welfare of the community in which he resides, because to do otherwise would be to his disadvantage. A town composed of persons, each of whom owned a house, would present a scene of quiet and happiness that is seldom witnessed. The cause of this is contained in the fact, that all having a little property, are desirous of retaining its value, and under such conditions they will take an interest in the community; maintain the laws at all hazards; and, in a town so constituted, we repeat, there would be witnessed such scenes of happiness, prosperity, and general welfare that would be gratifying to every man.

CALIFORNIA.

In another column we give several items of California news. The gold fever has somewhat subsided, but from almost every portion of the Union vessels are still sailing with large cargoes, and in a short time we may expect to see upwards of 50,000 people in the land of promise. We observe by the late Foreign news that in Europe companies are fitting out for California. Indeed, the excitement is said to be quite as great on the continent as it is here. Some will meet with success while others will be most woefully disappointed.

PROTECTION.

In the House of Representatives, at Washington, a few days ago, the Hon. George N. Eckert presented four petitions, signed by Henry Myer and 84 other citizens of Schuylkill County, Pa., praying for the enactment of a tariff of specific duties, to save the specie of the country from being exported, and to prevent the prostration of the farming, manufacturing, laboring, and commercial interests. Also, one of like import, signed by J. W. Eban and 32 other citizens of Lebanon County, Pa. Another of like import, signed by Thomas Band, and 56 other citizens of Berks County.

HOME DEPARTMENT.

In the House of Representatives, on Monday last, Mr. Vinton of Ohio, reported a bill establishing a Department of the Interior, which, after debate, was ordered to be engrossed by the large vote of 111 to 76. The necessity of such a Department has long been felt, and the vote it received shows that our Representatives are favorable to such a measure. But the present session is too far gone to look for its establishment at this time.

GEN. TAYLOR AND MR. CLAY.

Suggestions have been thrown out in some quarters that Gen. Taylor's Administration will be greatly influenced by Mr. Clay. Henry Clay may possess some influence with Gen. Taylor, but we cannot believe that he will undertake even to try to induce the General to yield to his opinion, nor do we believe that Gen. Taylor will allow any one to influence his Administration. Gen. Taylor has determined to administer the affairs of Government for the good of the people, and will not be moved by personal predilections. He will call around him the ablest men of which the country boasts, whose advice, when necessary, as is done in all cases, he will seek, and upon their combined judgment we can safely depend—directed as they will be by the most patriotic motives. We believe that under Gen. Taylor this country will be placed upon its pristine basis, and that his administration will more closely resemble that of Washington than any of his predecessors. The citizens of this Republic will yet have occasion to rejoice at the election of General Taylor.

FRENCH ASSEMBLY.

The motion for the dissolution of the French Assembly, as will be seen by our Foreign news, has been carried by a small majority. The majority of the members of the Assembly are known to have been opposed to the election of Napoleon, and therefore desire the dissolution, that a new one may be elected. We consider this move any but a favorable one for the welfare of the Republic, indicating strongly as it does, the overthrow of the French Constitution. In the election of a new Assembly, there would be some warm work between the adherents of the President and the Republicans, in which the former would in all probability succeed, and obtain an Assembly so subservient to his views that with little difficulty, he might transform himself from President to Emperor, which he may yet do. Time, however, will show.

ATTORNEY GENERAL.

The press of this State are almost unanimous in favor of the selection of Josiah Randall, Esq., of Philadelphia, for the office of Attorney General of the United States. There are some others, of course, who have their preferences; but so far as we are able to learn, judging from the tone of our cotemporaries, we are led to infer that Mr. Randall is the most prominent candidate. His well known ability and steadfast adherence to Whig principles, point to him as the man for the station. While the press are discussing the merits of their respective friends, we are pleased to observe that no harsh expressions are indulged in, but their claims coolly urged. The time for the selection of the Cabinet is almost here, when we shall see whose expectations will be realized. Should none of those whom we expect to see in the Cabinet,—notwithstanding we think the claims of Pennsylvania are imperative—be selected, we shall be satisfied, believing as we do, that Gen. Taylor will select none but those whose qualifications and legislative experience are such that we can rely with safety upon his judgment.

DEMOCRACY AND SLAVERY.

At a caucus of the Locofoco members of the Kentucky Legislature, held at Frankfort on the 23d ult., the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That while we do not deem it good policy for the Democratic party of Kentucky in caucus in supporting any particular individual of their party for the office of Senator of the United States, on the 1st proximo, yet we are determined not to vote for Henry Clay on account of his FREE SOIL PRINCIPLES, and, as we understand, his ABOLITION TENDENCIES; nor will we support any other man, whether Whig or Democrat, who is known to entertain similar views on these questions of National and State policy.

It appears, that Locofocoism, and Slavery are becoming synonimous, terms.

In the Arkansas Legislature, the Locofoco party have shown one of their *magnanimous* and *liberal* traits of character, by changing the name of Van Buren County to that of *Cass* County.

LEGISLATIVE.

In the House of Representatives, on the 10th inst., a petition was presented asking for a Bank at Minersville; a petition was also presented from Schuylkill County, for the abolition of Capital Punishment, on the same day. A petition, twenty-one feet in length, for the protection of Miners and Laborers, has also been presented. The bill to erect Danville, Columbia County, into a Boro' was taken up and passed.

In the Senate, on the 14th inst., Mr. Overfield presented a petition from Schuylkill County, for a Bank at Tamaqua.

On the same day, Mr. Overfield reported a further supplement to the act to incorporate the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad Company.

GROWTH OF READING.

Three hundred and forty-eight new buildings have been erected in Reading the last year. The buildings erected in that city during the last few years, are as follows:—In 1843, there were 98 erected; in 1844, 120; in 1845, 184; in 1846, 246; and in 1847, 360. It will thus be perceived that the increase during the past year has greatly exceeded that of any previous year, except 1847; of which it falls short twelve buildings.

TEMPERANCE.

A Legislative Temperance Society is about being formed by the members and officers of the House of Representatives of this State. Among those who have signed the call for a meeting to form a society of this kind, we observe the names of some of the most prominent members.

☞ *The Cabinet.*—A Washington correspondent, speaking of Gen. Taylor's Cabinet, says that it is now reduced almost to a certainty that Caleb B. Smith will be in the Cabinet, as Post Master General. Much has been said about it here, and an effort has been made by the friends of a gentleman in Ohio—not now in regular fellowship with the Whig party—to procure his appointment. Almost the entire delegation from Ohio, are in favor of C. B. Smith, and from what is known of Gen. Taylor's views, he will receive that appointment." We merely give these speculations of correspondents, to give our readers the prevailing news in regard to this matter, for what they are worth.

☞ *The Union.*—The Baltimore *American* well remarks, that "the idea that a dissolution of the Union should be regarded as a *remedy* for any political evil, when in fact it would be the consummation of the worst of all evils, is analogous to that which prompts the morbid mind to contemplate suicide as a means of deliverance from the troubles of the world."

☞ *Lancaster Prison.*—The County Commissioners of Lancaster, have adopted a design by John Haviland, for a new County Prison, to be erected immediately on the ground, west of the reservoir, at the head of East King Street. The prison will be double the extent of the Berks county prison, and will cost $102,000. It will accommodate 80 persons, with an enclosure capable of accommodating 160, and will be lighted with gas.

☞ *The War Department* have ordered a military escort to accompany and afford protection to emigrants and gold hunters for California, from Fort Smith, Arkansas, to San Francisco. Thus an opportunity will be presented to those who wish to seek their fortunes among the gold "placers," to go there under a proper military guide and protection; and with all the necessary provisions and safeguards for health and comfort.

Local News.

☞ *Rather Cool.*—The last few days, especially yesterday, have been exceedingly cold. Indeed, they reminded us of the winters of olden times.—The thermometer yesterday morning stood 6 deg. below zero. We have not had such weather since 1835, a period of 14 years. During such weather there must certainly be some suffering among those whose means are so limited as not to allow them to procure the *necessary articles of comfort*. No one should be left to suffer, and those who are possessed of an abundance of worldly goods should not hesitate to deal out to those who are so unfortunate as to be compelled to need their aid.

The cold weather will give our Coal operators a clear market to begin with in the Spring, and as a large portion of the factories which were stopped, are gradually going into operation again, in consequence of a reduction of wages, and the reduced rates of the raw material and provisions, which enables them to cope to a certain extent with the foreign manufacturer, a little prudence on the part of our dealers will enable them to get better prices for our commodity than were obtained last year. For the iron men there is but little hope the present year, even at the reported advanced rates in England, by the last arrival.

☞ *Miners' Hospital.*—An Institution with the above title is about being established in this County. The design of the "Institution is to procure to persons engaged in Mining operations proper medical treatment at a small compensation." A house, said to be suitable for such an institution, with some ground attached, has been procured, and is situated between this Borough and Minersville. The Institution is to derive its support from the contributions of its members and friends. The terms of membership will be three dollars. Such a Hospital, properly conducted, would, we have little doubt, tend to alleviate the condition of the class of people for whom it will be established. We would like to see it succeed.

☞ *St. Valentine's Day.*—This day, big with the fate of many lovers was properly observed in our Borough. During the whole day, our Post Office presented such a busy scene as is seldom witnessed but on *extraordinary occasions*; and indeed the missives still continue to be sent in large numbers, and the quantity of Valentines sent through the office must be exceedingly large; and many are the lovely damsels who have been kindly remembered by their *youthful admirers*.

☞ *Grand Scientific Illusion.*—Leopold Alberti, the celebrated wizard of the East, will give an entertainment this evening at the Town Hall, consisting of startling and wonderful experiments in Philosophy, and Magic. In Baltimore and other places where he has performed, he obtained large and delighted houses. In the former place he performed upwards of seventy-five successive nights. He promises wonderful feats to-night. Go and see him. Only 12½ admittance.

☞ *The Twenty Second.*—The ever memorable Twenty-second of February will be commemorated in a proper style in our Borough. We understand that a Grand Ball, to be conducted upon an extensive scale, will come off at the Mt. Carbon Hotel, a short distance from the Borough. Another Ball, to be given by the National Light Infantry, at the Town Hall, will also come off. The Sword presentation will also take place, which, we have little doubt, will be an attractive affair.

☞ *Another Saving Society.*—The success which, so far, has attended the society to which we alluded last week, and the certainty of realizing a handsome sum by depositing a small amount, have induced some others of our citizens to form another upon the same principle. It is called the "Mechanics Saving Society," and promises to be of much benefit to its members. It is indeed a capital way of laying by funds for a "rainy day."

☞ *Court House Subscriptions.*—The several Ward Committees, at a meeting held on Tuesday evening last, reported the following subscriptions, to wit:

North West Ward	$7486 20
North East Ward	3135 55
South Ward	6799 10
Total,	$17420 85

☞ *Immersion.*—The holy ordinance of Baptism was administered to two persons in the Schuylkill, at the Furnace, in this place, on Sunday last, by the Rev. M. Hastings. The day was clear, and quite a number of persons had assembled to witness the imposing ceremony.

☞ *Bound for California.*—The cry is "still they go!" We understand that a party of young men, (twelve in number,) whose names we have been unable to obtain, design starting for the El Dorado.—They are from Summit Hill, and vicinity. They intend sailing around Cape Horn. Success to them.

☞ *Native American Meeting.*—A meeting of the members of the Native American Party, will be held this evening at Stichter's Hall, for the purpose of appointing Delegates to the State Convention, to be held at Philadelphia, on the 22d of February.

☞ *Afflicting.*—We learn from the Schuylkill Haven *Map*, that a girl named Catharine Zimmerman, was badly burnt by her clothes catching fire from a stove, on the 3d inst. at the Alms-house. She is very much injured, and it is thought will not survive.

☞ *John C. Lessig*, of the Exchange Hotel, in this Borough, has been appointed Aid-de-Camp, to the Governor of this State, with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. A good appointment.

Things in Tamaqua.

☞ *We learn from the Legion*, that an accident of quite a serious character occurred in the above place, on the 6th inst. The *Legion* states that the hands in Mr. Hopkin Thomas' Moulding Shop were engaged in pouring the smelted metal for casting car wheels, from some cause or other, a blow, as it is termed, took place, which struck a young man who was skimming full in the face, and it is feared will deprive him of his eye-sight for life.

☞ *Tamaqua Market.*—Our friends in Tamaqua boast quite a large market. A short time since there were *forty* sleds laden with various kinds of produce at the market, and appeared to meet with a *very ready sale*. *The produce is brought principally* from Lehigh County, and the townships adjoining Tamaqua.

☞ *Messrs. Wiggin & Booth*, have commenced to mine Coal from their newly discovered vein, on Reinhart's Run, and will soon be able to commence shipping.

☞ *The Adjournment* of the 30th Congress is near at hand. Less than three weeks yet remain. Important measures remain to be acted upon, and it is feared the labors of this body will close, leaving a large amount of public business neglected. The Administration of James K. Polk is also rapidly drawing to a close. Old Zack is coming to take possession of the White House, when a general clearing of the kitchen may be expected.

☞ *State Treasurer.*—The County Officers and citizens of the State generally, says the *Democratic Union*, seem to have forgotten that a law was passed last year, providing that the State Treasurer shall enter upon his duties on the first Monday of May, in each year. Gideon J. Ball, Esq., State Treasurer elect, is daily receiving official letters, which should be directed to Arnold Plumer, State Treasurer, until the first Monday of May next.

☞ *Important Measure.*—Mr. Little has introduced in the House of Representatives of Pa., a bill authorising a loan of two millions of dollars from the Banks, for the completion of the North Branch Canal, the avoidance of the Inclined Plane and the Redemption of the relief issue. It is proposed in consideration of such loan, to give the banks the privilege of issuing small notes.

☞ *Gold Dollar.*—The Washington *Whig* speaks of having been shown a gold dollar just from the mint. The dollar piece is a little larger in circumference than the half dime, but not quite so thick. On one side there is a wreath of leaves, and around it the words, "United States of America, 1848." On the other there is a cap, emblazoned with sunlight, and on it "Liberty."

CALIFORNIA AND FOREIGN NEWS.

The two ideas uppermost in men's minds at New York, on Monday, were the important commercial advices from Europe, brought by the "Niagara," and the no less interesting intelligence from California, brought by Robert Atherton, Esq. extracts of which we give in another column. A N. York letter of Monday evening, says:

"Out of, and away from, Wall street, the California news is turning everybody crazy again.—New expeditions are planing and those already under way are making every preparation to sail.

Passage money has advanced—so have freights.

The Clinton Hotel, where Mr. Atherton is staying, is in a state of belsoguerment, so great is the crowd wanting to have a talk with him.

"Rumor says the gentleman has made a very comfortable speculation out of his "news," in the way of selling it to the newspapers, and 'operating on it' down in Wall street."

Another New York letter, of the same date, says:

"The news from England is considered remarkably favorable. Our merchants are in the best possible humor, especially those of them who are holders of cotton. The effect of this news, and that from California, had a very sensible effect on the stock market. Almost every description of security, State, National and Corporate, advanced considerably."

EXECUTION OF PERRY BARRY.

The execution of Perry Barry, the colored man who was convicted of violating the person of a white woman, took place at New Castle at a quarter past 1 o'clock, Friday week. He left the jail in a carriage, accompanied by the Sheriff and three clergymen belonging to the Presbyterian, Episcopal and Methodist churches of that place. The carriage was surrounded by a detachment of military. Barry was dressed in the customary suit of white. As soon as he reached the scaffold, he joined in the *religious exercises*, which *were participated* in by the respective clergymen. He himself prayed aloud with great fervor, and appeared to be deeply affected. As soon as the religious exercises had concluded, he briefly addressed the crowd, and exhorted all to take warning by the example presented in his fate, but did not make a slightest admission in regard to his alleged guilt. Neither in the jail or on the scaffold did he make a confession.

A very large crowd had assembled to witness the execution, the number being estimated as high as two thousand.

POTTSVILLE MARKETS.

CORRECTED WEEKLY FOR THE JOURNAL.

Wheat Flour, bbl.	$5 50	Dr'd Peaches par'd.	3 00
Rye do do	4 50	do do unpar'd.	1 75
Wheat, bush.	1 10	Dr'd Apples, pard.	75
Rye	75	Eggs, doz.	16
Corn, do	56	Butter, lb.	15
Oats, do	40	Bacon,	10
Potatoes, do	45	Hams,	10
Timothy Seed, do	4 00	Hay, ton,	15 00
Clover do	4 50	Plaster.	6 00

MARRIED.

On the 31st ult by the Rev. Mr. Hassinger, Mr. ANDREW JACKSON RHOADS, to Miss CAROLINE BACHMAN, both of Port Carbon.

On the 7th inst., by C Bennett, Esq. Mr. DANIEL STODDARD, to Miss SARAH MICHAELS, all of Blythe Township.

On the 4th inst., by the Rev. H. Fitzsimmons, Mr. NICHOLAS J. REHR, to Miss LOUISA D. SCHWARDERS, both of this Borough.

DEATHS.

On the 14th inst. at the residence of Mr. Abraham St. Clair, in this Borough, Mr. WILLIAM SPARGLER, Blacksmith, son of Mr. Spangler, of Shaffersron, Leba. County, in the 24th year of his age.

In this Borough, on Friday of last week, MARIA FRANCIS, daughter of Nicholas Seltzinger, aged three years and one day.

At the residence of Mr. Wm. H. Marshall, in this Borough, on Saturday evening last, of consumption, Mr. JOSEPH YOUNG of the State of Delaware, aged about 20 years.

THE MARKETS.

There was a lively business done in the Cotton market, at Liverpool, on the 20th ult. The sales consisted of 7000 bales, of 15,000 bales, of which 7,000 are to speculators, at prices of 4¾d to 4¾d.

In the Liverpool Corn and Flour Market, at the same date, business wore a cheerful aspect, and full prices were paid for Indian Corn and Meal. Flour, indeed, during the last few days, flour in bond has gone off to some extent at 25s. 6d. to 25s. 9d., and to day 26s. per lb., has been obtained for the best Western.

Indian Corn is in moderate demand at 28s. 6d., to 30s. 6d. for inferior, while for the best yellow, and Indian Corn Meal 14s. 6d. to 15s. per bbl.

American wheat is bond 6s. 3d. to 7s. 1d per 70 lbs. A prime parcel bought at the latter to-day.

In Wales, the price of common bar iron has advanced to £5 5s. per ton, and in Liverpool to £5 15s.—A large business is doing in Scotch pig, and the price of Nos. 1, Gartsherie, is now 51s. per ton net cash, *prompt* payment at Glasgow.

The accounts from the manufacturing districts both of Yorkshire and Lamerchin are satisfactory and encouraging.

CALIFORNIA ITEMS.

A gentleman arrived in New York direct from California on Monday last, having left San Francisco on the 10th of December.—He came by way of Mazatland, Mexico, and Vera Cruz, and performed this long journey in 61 days, the whole cost of which was upwards of $700. He brings intelligence from the gold Region, thirty-four days later than the latest received before.

The gold region is now understood to embrace a territory a thousand miles in length and three hundred in width. The gold is distributed over this vast extent, though by no means equally, some parts being of surpassing richness, while others are comparatively barren of the precious metal. Gold can be obtained by any and all men who may find employment in extracting it, or to the length of time for which good digging may be profitable.

The business of mining has nothing that is agreeable, except the gold that it sometimes—not always—produces. In short, it requires the hardest kind of labor, such as only strong constitutions and muscles indurated by toil can undertake with a prospect of success.

A man of the right sort, in respect to health, strength and skill may, with fair luck and hard and steady work, obtain three ounces of gold on an average per day. It is not often found in lumps. Still the gentleman Mr. Atherton, from whom the news has been obtained has seen one mass weighing 7 lbs., and a friend of his had seen another weighing 21 lbs.

One man a blacksmith, had got ten thousand dollars worth in three weeks.

There was nothing doing at the mines when Mr Atherton left, owing to the rains, it being the rainy season! there was not much sickness in the diggings, no robberies and no disturbances.

Good boarding can be obtained in San Francisco at $10 per week.

An extensive *placer* has been discovered in Oregon, and it was reported at San Francisco that all the inhabitants of Oregon City had gone out to try their luck.

The whole value of gold which has been gathered in California is estimated, by those acquainted with the matter, at three millions of dollars, two of which left there in various ways, and the remainder is on its way to the United States.

Real estate was selling at enormous prices—lots 25 yards square selling for $10,000. Provisions were abundant at San Francisco and the diggings.

Great as the discoveries of gold are, they are equaled by those of quicksilver. That metal is found in various parts of California, and the quantity is as abundant as it is in the mines of Spain.

About two thousand emigrants had arrived in California from Oregon, the Sandwich Islands, and different parts of South America and Mexico

The Sacramento river is navigable for vessels drawing eight feet from the ocean to Sutter's fort, a distance of one hundred and fifty miles from San Francisco, and for a hundred miles farther by vessels drawing less.

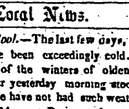
MISSISSIPPI AND SLAVERY.

An immediate and extra session of the Legislature of Mississippi is demanded by the citizens of Hancock County, in that State, for the purpose of enacting laws prohibiting the future ingress of slaves from the border States of the South. In their petition to the Governor, they represent that the States of Maryland, Virginia, Kentucky and Missouri, where slavery has ceased to be profitable from the uncertain tenure by which slaves are held, are now throwing an immense black population on the extreme Southern States, which is destined to increase with immense rapidity. To avoid this result, they propose to compel the more northern of the slaveholding States to retain their slaves within their own borders.

A FEARFUL EPIDEMIC.

The Uniontown, (Pa.) *Democrat*, gives an account of an alarming malady which has recently made its appearance in that section. The disease is described as being somewhat similar in its symptoms to the Cholera, but the physicians are unable to assign it a name. Young persons and children are most liable to its attacks. There have been some fifty cases and twenty deaths within the two weeks since it made its appearance. When unchecked by *medical remedies*, the disease proves fatal in a few hours. Sometimes the first indications of its approach are pains in the fingers and limbs, accompanied by violent fever and headache, which is followed by vomiting and diarrhœa.—Some of the patients break out with spots, like the *measles*, and after death, the body and face are covered with huge black spots, the legs and arms assuming a black color.

ARRIVAL OF THE STEAMSHIP



NIAGARA.

The Niagara arrived at Boston, on the 11th, bringing news to the 27th ult.—two weeks later. Her news is to the following effect:

ENGLAND.

The Government of England has wisely resolved to meet the wishes of the people as demonstrated for a thorough financial reform in the reduction of the expenditures of the several departments of State, without impairing their efficiency; to which the London Times, speaking of the active feeling, in regard to the rise of funds, attributes the cause.

FRANCE.

The preliminary motion upon the dissolution of the National Assembly has passed by a small majority. The reports of the various committees however, were adverse to the dissolution.

Mr. Boulay de la Meurthe has been elected Vice President of the Republic, by the Assembly.

The Government is still in an unsettled state. It is said that upwards of eleven steamers were preparing at Toulon with orders to sail without a moment's delay. From Brest and Cherbourg equal active preparations are reported. The rumor naturally ascribes this demonstration as indicative of an armed intervention in favor of the Pope.

A London paper says that the opinion in regard to the Italian question has undergone a change, and that some of the most influential men, who a short time since were in favor of an intervention in Italian affairs have taken alarm at the embarrassed state of the state of the Finances, and do not hesitate to say that they cannot see why France should lose all chance of ameliorating her condition by rushing into war for the freedom of a people who have no courage to fight for themselves. As for the questions of the Pope, the opinion here is that the French should abstain from any actual intervention for or against him, but throw no obstacle in the way of either Spain or Naples, if one or the other should offer money or men to the Pope.

The red republicans, perceiving the ground giving way under them, are making great efforts, and at Lyons are casting musket balls and providing gunpowder for a stand-up fight. Their pretence is resistance to the rectionary party in the Assembly.—The clubs in Paris are again becoming active, and *it is said that some severe measures are contemplated* for their complete suppression.

IRELAND.

This country is again attracting no inconsiderable share of public attention. The Judges of the Court of Queen's Bench have overruled the errors assigned in the cases of Smith O'Brien and his fellow prisoners. The court was unanimous in its decision and it remains to be seen whether they will persevere in carrying their hopeless appeal to the House of Lords. It is confidentially stated that an application has been made for the requisite permission from the Lord Lieutenant in the case of O'Brien, but that Mr. Meagher declined to proceed any further. He has resolved to submit to his fate, as any hope of overturning the verdict must prove delusive.

ITALY.

The Pope demands the intervention of Austria to restore him in temporal power, but both Sardinia and France have strongly remonstrated against the determination of the Roman people, who seem to have *lost all reverence for the Pope* as an ecclesiastic no less than as a prince. The spiritual anathemas which he has hurled against them have been received with complete contempt.

Naples and Sicily are still far from an amicable settlement of their disputes whilst Prussia, which so long remained silently preparing for action, seems deeply plunged in torpor, with a view to the extension of her power South.

An engagement has taken place between the British and Sikhs, on the Ghenet, in which the British, after a formidable resistance by the enemy, came off victorious. A number of lives were lost, including Gen. Cureton.

THE MARKETS.

The prices of the various articles of British manufacture are generally unchanged, with a tendency to increase in the price of Cotton. The sales of the week amount to 15,000 bales, of which 7,000 are to speculators, at prices of 4¾d to 4¾d.

In the Liverpool Corn and Flour Market, at the same date, business wore a cheerful aspect, and full prices were paid for Indian Corn and Meal. Flour, indeed, during the last few days, flour in bond has gone off to some extent at 25s. 6d. to 25s. 9d., and to day 26s. per lb., has been obtained for the best Western.

Indian Corn is in moderate demand at 28s. 6d., to 30s. 6d. for inferior, while for the best yellow, and Indian Corn Meal 14s. 6d. to 15s. per bbl.

American wheat is bond 6s. 3d. to 7s. 1d per 70 lbs. A prime parcel bought at the latter to-day.

In Wales, the price of common bar iron has advanced to £5 5s. per ton, and in Liverpool to £5 15s.—A large business is doing in Scotch pig, and the price of Nos. 1, Gartsherie, is now 51s. per ton net cash, *prompt* payment at Glasgow.

The accounts from the manufacturing districts both of Yorkshire and Lamerchin are satisfactory and encouraging.

NOTICES.

NOTICE.—THE PARTNERSHIP heretofore existing between JAMES H. FITZIMMONS, and JAMES GLENN, under the firm name of Fitzsimmons & Glenn, has been dissolved, by James Glenn withdrawing from the firm.

JAMES GLENN.

Feb 17, 3-3t

NOTICE.—THOMAS FOSTER & Co., HAVE REMOVED their stock of Boots and Shoes to the new store on the corner of Centre and Market Streets, where the business will in future be carried on upon the cash principle. Thankful to their friends and the public in general for past favors, they hope, by managing their business in future upon the only correct basis, (viz., cash payments) to afford to their customers goods upon such reasonable terms as will ensure to them a liberal patronage

☞ PAY UP!—All persons indebted to the undersigned are requested to come forward and settle their assets as our new business arrangements will require us to discontinue and urge the prompt payment of the same.

Feb17-3t THOMAS FOSTER & CO.

COPARTNERSHIP NOTICE.—THE SUBSCRIBERS have this day associated themselves *for the purpose of carrying on the Machine business* under the firm of SPENCER & MASON. All persons indebted to George Spencer for work done at his Machine shop, are requested to pay the same to either of the members of the firm. No persons are authorized to receive the monies of, or contract debts for the firm, except the partners mentioned.

GEORGE SPENCER,
Feb17-3t GEORGE MASON.

NOTICE.—

Jno. Huber, Jr. } Sheriff's Sale of Real Estate, on
vs. } a Levari Facias, returnable to
Jas. B. Shoemaker. } March Term 1848, No. 35.

THE subscriber, appointed an Auditor by the Court of Common Pleas, of Schuylkill County, to distribute *the monies made out of the Sheriff's Sale aforesaid*, to and among the Lien Creditors entitled thereto. Hereby gives notice that he will be in attendance at his Office in the Borough of Orwigsburg, on Tuesday the 27th day of February, inst., at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, to make such distribution; where the Lien Creditors may attend. CHARLES WITMAN.

Orwigsburg, Feb. 10. 7-3t

NOTICE.—IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF SCHUYLKILL COUNTY.

NOTICE is hereby given that the account of Geo. Kimmel, committee of Susannah Hoy, a lunatic, has been filed, and will be presented on the first day of the next March Term, for confirmation.

Feb 10 7-3t THOS. MILLS, Prothonotary.

NOTICE.—THE SUBSCRIBER HAVING PURCHASED as Constables Sale, the following articles seized and taken in execution, as the property of JACOB ELLENBAUM, of Tremont Schuylkill County, viz.: 2 Black Horses, and 2 Sets of Harness, 1 Wagon and Waggon Body; which the subscriber loans to the said JACOB ELLENBAUM, of Tremont, aforesaid, to be in his possession at his pleasure.

HENRY ECKEL.

Feb. 10, 7-2t

REGISTER'S NOTICE.—NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, That the Executors, Administrators, and Guardians hereinafter named, have filed their respective accounts of Administration of the following estates in the Register's office of Schuylkill County, which accounts have been clerked by the Register, and will be presented to the Judges of the Orphans' Court, on Monday, the 12th day of March next, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, for confirmation and allowances, when and where all persons interested may attend if they think proper.

1st. The account of Benjamin Delong and Jacob Eller, executors of the last will and testament of Henry Wildermuth, late of Schuylkill Haven, deceased.

2d. The account of Samuel Pethersill, guardian of Henry Pethersill, a minor, of Upper Mahantongo Township.

3d. The account of Andrew H. Wilson, Administrator of the estate of John Thompson, of the Borough of Pottsville, deceased.

4th. The account of Andrew Brown, administrator of the estate of Andrew J. Brown, of the Borough of Pottsville, deceased.

5th. The account of *John Remerling and Henry* Remerling, executors of the last will and testament of Henry Remerling, of Wayne Township, deceased.

6th. The account of Auditors of William Zehner, executor of the last will and testament of David Zehner, of West Penn Township, deceased.

DANIEL KAERCHER, Register.

Register's Office, Orwigsburg, Jan. 27, A. D. 1849 Feb3-6

ASSIGNEE'S NOTICE.—NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that *Samuel T. Skeen, Tinsmith*, of the Borough of Pottsville, has made an assignment of all his real estate to the subscriber, for the benefit of his creditors; all persons having claims against the said S. T. Skeen, will present them to the subscriber.

H. WOOLSIDE,
Feb3-6 Assignee, Pottsville

PUBLIC NOTICE.—MY HUSBAND, CHAS. GRIMSHAW, MACHINIST, has left me with a *young child* without any just cause. I hereby caution all persons not to harbor him, and also to be on their guard, as he will probably pass himself off as a single man. MARIA GRIMSHAW,

Schuylkill Haven.

Feb3-6.tf

NOTICE.—PROPOSALS FOR HAULING CARS.—SEALED PROPOSALS addressed to the undersigned at Pottsville, will be received until the *first day of March*, next, for hauling the "Yellow Cars" upon the Landing at Port Carbon and Schuylkill Haven, during the year 1849.

The Proposals must state a fixed price for each loaded Car hauled; the empty Cars to be returned by the Contractor to the sidelings without charge.

The accounts for hauling will be adjusted at the end of each month, *provided it thereof be made in cash within ten days thereafter*.

At Port Carbon, separate Proposals will be received for the hauling by Locomotives, and by Horses. At Schuylkill Haven horses only can be employed.

E. G. HARRIS, Agent, B. L. T.

Jan 27 5-5t

NOTICE.—ALL THOSE PERSONS KNOWING THEMSELVES indebted to the estate of WILLIAM WILLIAMS, late of St. Clair, deceased, are requested to come forward and make payment, on or before the first of April ensuing, otherwise the accounts will be placed in the hands of a Magistrate for collection.

Jan 27 5-3t MARGARET WILLIAMS, Admtrx.

NOTICE.—PAY UP! PAY UP!—ALL PERSONS indebted to the undersigned, are hereby requested to *come forward and settle their* ACCOUNTS, as we are about renewing our store and making new business arrangements, which will require us to discontinue, and we urge the prompt payment of the same.

THOMAS FOSTER & Co.

Jan. 27, 1849. 5-tf

NOTICE—TO TEACHERS.—THE BOARD OF *School Directors of the Borough of Pottsville*, hereby give notice to Teachers, that they will receive applications until Wednesday, Feb. 28, 1849, or five Male, and nine Female Teachers.

By order of the Board,

Jan 27. 5-3t JOHN S. C. MARTIN, Sec'y.

NOTICE.—TO CARPENTERS.—PROPOSALS WILL be received by the subscriber, for building 40 Drift Cars. Shop room and materials furnished by the subscriber. WM